

REMARKS

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

36. (Amended) An apparatus for processing a master in conjunction with a supply of a first feed material and a supply of a second feed material, at least one of said feed materials carrying a layer of adhesive, said apparatus comprising:

a frame having an outer shell including (a) a [first] lower outer shell portion having downwardly facing surfaces constructed and arranged to placed on a substantially flat support surface for supporting said apparatus and (b) [a second] an upper outer shell portion movably connected to [one another] said lower shell portion for movement [relative to one another] between an open position and a closed position relative to said lower outer shell portion; and

a pair of cooperating pressure applying structures located within said outer shell, said cooperating structures being constructed and arranged to be positioned adjacent one another in a cooperating pressure applying relationship wherein, when the master with the first and second feed materials on opposing sides thereof and the adhesive contacting the master is positioned between said cooperating structures, said cooperating structures apply pressure to said master and feed materials as they advance therethrough so as to bond said adhesive to said master;

[one of said pair of said cooperating pressure applying structures being connected with said first outer shell portion and the other] an upper one of said pair of said cooperating pressure applying structures being connected with said [second] upper outer shell portion such that [relative] (a) movement of said [first and second] upper outer shell [portions] portion to said open position thereof moves the upper one of said cooperating pressure applying structures apart from [one another] a lower one of said cooperating pressure applying structures to facilitate positioning

of said feed materials in between said cooperating structures and (b) movement of said [first and second] upper outer shell portions] portion to said closed position thereof positions the upper one of said cooperating structures adjacent [one another] the lower one of said cooperating pressure applying structures in said cooperating pressure applying relationship as aforesaid[.];

said frame providing a first mounting portion constructed to receive and mount said supply of said first feed material and a second mounting portion constructed and arranged to receive and mount said supply of said second feed material.

37. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said [first] upper and lower outer shell portions are pivotally connected to one another for said relative movement with respect to one another.

38. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said outer [frame] shell has a pair of opposing side walls each having upper and lower side wall portions pivotally connected to one another, said [first] upper outer shell portion being provided by the upper side wall portions of said side walls and said [second] lower outer shell portion being provided by the lower side wall portions of said side walls.

43. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said [first] upper and [second] lower outer shell portions are pivotally connected to one another for said relative movement with respect to one another.

44. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said outer shell has a pair of opposing side walls each having upper and lower side wall portions pivotally connected to one another, said [first] upper outer shell portion being provided by the upper side wall portions of said side walls and said [second] lower outer shell portion being provided by the lower side wall portions of said side walls.

47. (Amended) A method for using an apparatus for processing a master in conjunction with a supply of a first feed material and a supply of a second feed material, at least one of said feed materials carrying a layer of adhesive, said apparatus comprising: a frame having an outer shell including (a) a [first] lower outer shell portion having downwardly facing surfaces constructed and arranged to be placed on a substantially flat support surface for supporting said apparatus and (b) [a second] an upper outer shell portion movably connected to [one another] said lower shell portion for movement [relative to one another] between an open position and a closed position relative to said lower outer shell; and a pair of cooperating pressure applying structures located within said outer shell, said cooperating structures being constructed and arranged to be positioned adjacent one another in a cooperating pressure applying relationship wherein, when the master with the first and second feed materials on opposing sides thereof and the adhesive contacting the master is positioned between said cooperating structures, said cooperating structures apply pressure to said master and feed materials as they advance therethrough so as to bond said adhesive to said master; [one of said pair of said cooperating pressure applying structures being connected with said first outer shell portion and the other] an upper one of said pair of said cooperating pressure applying structures being connected with said [second] upper outer shell portion such that [relative] (a) movement of said [first and second] upper outer shell [portions] portion to said open position thereof moves the upper one of said cooperating pressure applying structures apart from [one another] a lower one of said cooperating pressure applying structures to facilitate positioning of said feed materials in between said cooperating structures and (b) movement of said [first and second] upper outer shell [portions] portion to said closed position thereof positions the upper one of said cooperating structures adjacent [one another] the lower one of said cooperating pressure applying structures in said cooperating pressure applying relationship as aforesaid, said method comprising:

[moving] manually engaging said upper outer shell portion^{directly} and lifting said [first and second] upper outer shell [portions relative to one another] portion upwardly to said open position thereof;

disposing said first and second feed materials in such a position with respect to said cooperating pressure applying structures that, when said upper outer shell [portions are moved] portion is lowered to said closed position thereof, to move said upper one of cooperating structures [into] adjacent the lower one of said cooperating pressure applying structures said cooperating pressure applying [position] relationship thereof said first and second feed materials will be positioned between said [first and second] cooperating structures;

then [moving] lowering said [first and second] upper outer shell [portions relative to one another] portion to said closed position thereof to position the upper one of said cooperating structures adjacent the lower one of said cooperating pressure applying structures in said cooperating pressure applying relationship thereof with said first and second feed materials positioned therebetween; and

while said [first] upper [and second] outer shell [portions are] portion is in said closed position thereof and said cooperating structures are in said cooperating pressure applying relationship thereof with said first and second feed materials therebetween, advancing said master with the first and second feed materials on opposing sides thereof and said adhesive contacting the master between said cooperating structures such that said cooperating structures in said cooperating pressure applying [position] relationship thereof apply pressure to said master and feed materials as they advance therethrough so as to bond said adhesive to said master.